

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY WWC)
LICENSE, LLC D/B/A CELLULARONE FOR)
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN OTHER)
RURAL AREAS)

ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENTS TO ETC
ORDER

TC03-191

On November 5, 2003, WWC Holding Co., Inc., d/b/a CellularOne (Western Wireless) filed a petition to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for purposes of qualifying to obtain federal universal service support in the study areas of certain rural telephone companies. This petition seeks an order immediately designating Western Wireless as an ETC in the study areas of the following rural telephone companies: Golden West Telephone Cooperative Inc., James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, Splitrock Properties Inc., Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative Inc., Tri-County Telecom Inc., Vivian Telephone Co., West River Telecommunications Coop (Mobridge) - SD, and West River Telecommunications Cooperative - SD. The Commission designated Western Wireless as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier at its August 17, 2004, meeting. On April 2, 2007, Western Wireless filed a Motion to modify its ETC Designation Order to have its annual compliance filing and its ETC annual certification filings coincide on the date of the annual certification.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-78, 49-31-81; ARSD 20:10:32:42 through 20:10:32:46, inclusive; and 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) through (5).

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 10, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended that amendments be made to the ETC designation order so that any annual reports are to be filed on June 1, of each year. The Commission voted unanimously to make the necessary amendments to the ETC order. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the amendments to the ETC order are approved such that any annual reporting requirements are to be filed on June 1 of each year.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2007.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Neldine Kolbe*

Date: 4/26/07

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner